

ABSTRACTAPPARATUS FOR PRESERVING MICROORGANISMS

5 Subculturing apparatus (30) comprises a receptacle for
supporting a growth medium (5) for culturing of a
microorganism. The microorganism is entrained to grow in
a predetermined direction, towards an end of the growth
medium (50), where a further apparatus (30) can be placed
10 adjacent thereto. The microorganism can then grow into
the growth medium of the further apparatus. The method
of storing a microorganism for use in microbiological
processes is also described, as is a method of
fermentation of a stored microorganism for the production
15 of biochemicals such as pharmaceuticals or agrochemicals.

(Figure 4)